

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously presented) A battery saving method of controlling the display of a portable telephone having a SEND key and a display configured to be supplied with power, comprising the steps of:

checking whether a user of said telephone activates said SEND key to originate a call from said telephone; and

deactivating the power supplied to the display in response to said call being originated from said telephone due to said activation of said SEND key.

2. (Previously presented) The battery saving method as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising the step of deactivating the power supplied to the display after the expiration of a predetermined time period if the SEND key is activated.

3. (Previously presented) A method for saving battery lifetime by controlling the power supplied to the display unit of a portable telephone, the display unit being configured to be supplied with power, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) determining whether an originating party has used said telephone to request a call connection to a terminating party; and

(b) deactivating the power supplied to the display based on a determination in

step (a) that the originating party has requested said call connection to the terminating party.

4. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in Claim 3, further comprising the step of deactivating the power supplied to the display after the expiration of a predetermined time period if the request to establish the call connection is made.

5. (New) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the deactivating step comprises the step of turning off a back light and a liquid crystal display (LCD), said method further comprising the step of turning on the LCD after the call has ended.

6. (New) The method as claimed in Claim 5, further comprising the steps of, after powering on the telephone, turning on the LCD and turning off the back light.